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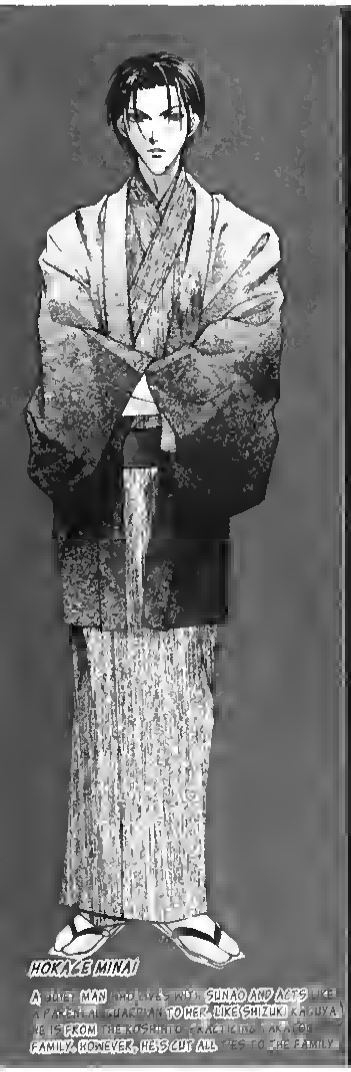

HOKAGE MINAI

A QUIET MAN WHO LIVES WITH SUNAO AND ACTS LIKE A PARENTAL GUARDIAN TO HER. LIKE SHIZUKI KAGUYA, HE IS FROM THE KOSHINTO PRACTICING KAGUYA FAMILY. HOWEVER, HE'S CUT ALL TIES TO THE FAMILY.

IKUSHIMA KUREHA

SUNAO'S CLASSMATE AND A MODEL STUDENT, KUREHA HARBORS A WILD STREAK AND ONCE ATTEMPTED TO SET THE SCHOOL ON FIRE AFTER BEING SAVED BY SUNAO. KUREHA CHOOSE TO VENT HER FEELINGS IN A MORE AFFECTIONATE, IF PERVERTED, MANNER.

SHIZUKI KAGUYA

THE ONE AT SCHOOL LIKE WHO HAS A UNIQUE STYLE AND PERSONALITY. HE KNOWS ABOUT SUNAO'S [illegible] BUT SO FAR, HE'S [illegible] ON THE SIDELINES RATHER THAN GET INVOLVED.

SUNAO FUJIWARA

A HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING WATER. HER CAREFREE, INDEPENDENT ATTITUDE AND INSISTENCE ON DRESSING LIKE A BOY MAKE HER A DIFFICULT STUDENT, YET SHE HAS A SOFT SPOT FOR THOSE IN NEED.

Story So Far

Fujiwara Sunaa isn't like ordinary teenagers. For starters, she's quiet and tomboyish, preferring to disguise herself as a boy rather than deal with the unwarranted attention of male high schoolers. She also possesses a remarkable power over water. It obeys her every whim with no regard to physics or natural law. However, perhaps Sunaa's single most defining trait is her compassion. Despite her inherent shyness, she can't help lending a hand to people in need. Of course, she can't do this on her own.

Ikushima Kureha is the school's top student and class president, but all is not what it seems to be with this wild child. After Sunao showed her the importance of forging her own destiny, she chose to saddle her destiny alongside Sunaa's, and now acts as Sunaa's ally and de facto girlfriend. Shizuki Kaguya is the school's nurse, and despite his age and unusual personality, he's taken an interest in Sunao's affairs. Hokage Minai is Sunaa's mysterious guardian. While he's not related to her, she lives with him and he treats her like a daughter or younger sibling. These three unique individuals have become Sunao's "family." Call them weirdos if you'd like, but it's a strange world, and if you're going to catch a freak, perhaps it's best if you're a bit of one yourself. When it comes to unexplained phenomena, if Sunaa and her crew are on the case, it's as good as cracked.

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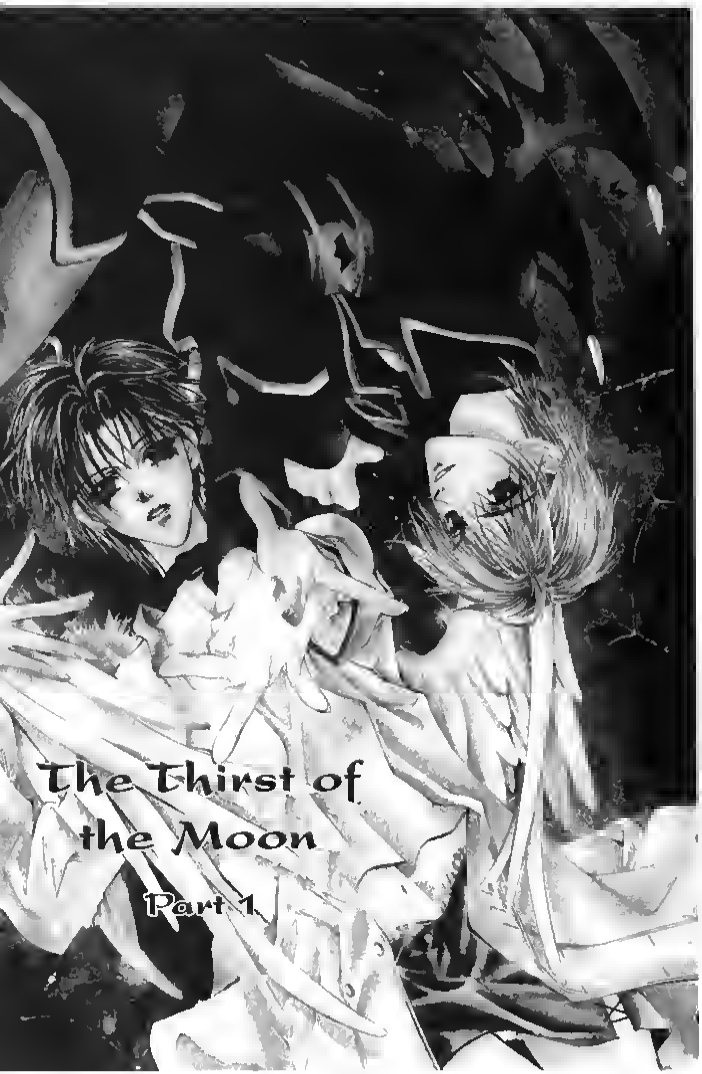

The Thirst of
the Moon
Part 1

KAGUYAAAA!
HUH?
WEIRD
WE'RE IN DIFFERENT CLASSES NOW?
Hey,
I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
I didn't rig it! I swear!

きょう
I'M YUKI TAKATOU.
...OF KAGUYA'S?
Health Clinic
A DISTANT RELATION...
I HAVEN'T HAD SO MUCH AS A POSTCARD FROM HIM!
WELL, SINCE KAGUYA TOOK OFF.
WHY'D YOU TRANSFER HERE MID-YEAR?
OH, UM...
I WAS WORRIED, YA KNOW?
PLEASE STOP.
I miss those late night visits. Hah hah hah
HE ALWAYS USED TO SPOIL ME...

HUH?
HUH?
LONG TIME, NO SEE!
NO WAY.
YUKI?

No!
SINCE IT'S BEEN A WHILE
WHY DON'T WE HAVE A SLEEPOVER AT YOUR PLACE?!
OH, UM, NOWHERE
Plays dumb.
I KNOW!!

PLEASE, MINA!
...HIDE ME.
Oh!

HMPH.
NOT LIKE YOU'VE EVER DENIED IT
AND YOU'VE BEEN CALLING ME A PERVERT?
NO WAY!
I'm normal!!!
YOU GUYS
SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH KAGUYA DON'T YOU?
Oh!
HEY, KAGUYA!
WHERE YA LIVING NOW?
Heh heh
Where do ya think you're going?
SO MEAN!
That's the only reason?!
IT'S CONVENIENT KNOWING A TEACHER!
The benefits rock!
IT LOOKS...
LIKE HE'S REALLY AT HOME HERE
I...SEE

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, YUKI
...THAT YOU'D BE HERE TOO, MINAI.
BOTH OF YOU
HIDING OUT WHERE THE EYES OF THE FAMILY CAN'T SEE
Eek!
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS UP TO?
C'MON, SPILL IT! WE ALL KNOW YOU CAN'T KEEP SECRETS FROM ME
HMM
GOD, YOU'RE EVIL!
Hmph
WHY DON'T YOU CHECK BACK TOMORROW?
I NEVER WOULD HAVE GUESSED
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS

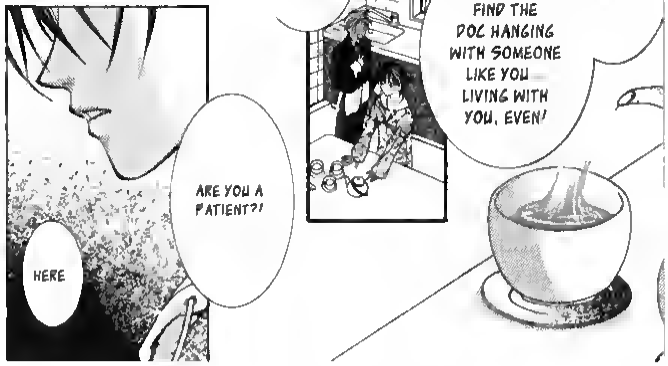
UM, YOU KNOW—
HUH
YOU SERIOUS?
Ouch
WELCOME HOME, SUNAO
Whoa!
THIS IS SURPRISING! FUJIWARA LIVING WITH MINA!
MINA! USED TO BE OUR LIVE-IN PHYSICIAN, YOU KNOW...
He's running a date now?
THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST
SUN-AO...
COULD YOU PLEASE PREPARE SOME TEA?
SURE

HOW ABOUT I WRAP THIS UP FOR YOU?
This thing
REALLY?! FOR ME?
I'll take it! I'll take it!
Hey! What the—?!
WHY, YUKI, IS THAT A THREAT?
HUH?
HUH?
IT'S FUJIWARA! HEADING HOME?
I LIVE HERE
HERE
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
WHAT?

EXCUSE ME
COULD YOU CARRY THAT FOR ME?
YEAH, SURE
WHAT THE ..?
HUH?

OH YEAH...
Shaky hands
HIS CHEST FEELS WEIRD...
Used to this
THE TEA'S GETTING COLD

WAIT A MINUTE, WHAT'S ALL THIS?
OH! LET ME HELP!
WHAT'S ALL WHAT?
YOU KNOW VERY WELL WHAT!


HERE
ARE YOU A PATIENT?!
Oh
SO HOW DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
I HAVE TO SAY THAT I'M PRETTY SURPRISED TO FIND THE DOC HANGING WITH SOMEONE LIKE YOU LIVING WITH YOU, EVEN!

That's really spicy mustard
Heh
Heh heh heh
Chomp!
Okay open wide!
CHOMP!
HERE, FUJIWARA! THIS IS FOR YOU!
HMM
Oh
Om nom nom
Heh heh heh
Gulp!
Hmm?
WANNA EAT LUNCH WITH US?
OH, SORRY
I'M
...HAVING LUNCH WITH FUJIWARA
Okay?
WHaat?!
Okay Kaichou is crying!
THE SPRING HANAMI CLASS PICNIC!
NO STUDYING TODAY! IT'S TIME TO GET WILD AND LET LOOSE!
Totally spaced out
WHO WOULD'VE GUESSED THAT WAS A GIRL?
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE IN BLOOM! SPRING IS IN FULL SWING!
Ha ha ha!
THAT MEANS ONCE AGAIN THE DAY HAS FINALLY COME
FOR KOUEI HIGH'S MOST SPECIAL EVENT
TAKA-TOU!
YEEES?
I'M SO EMBARRASSED! I COULDN'T TELL!
What a weird school

I NEVER WOULD HAVE EXPECTED THIS FROM YOU
Hah hah
DROP IT.
MY BUSINESS IS MY OWN AS WELL.
Hmph!
YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL.
WHAT I DO.
ISN'T YOUR BUSINESS ANYMORE IS IT, KAGUYA?
IT IS WHEN YOU'RE AT MY SCHOOL
Out of it.
Oh mine mine
OKAY, WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
REALLY! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO
BUT PLEASE STOP BEING CHILDISH

CHOMP!
THAT'S WEIRD MAYBE I DIDN'T USE ENOUGH
Gah! I didn't mean any
Kuroha made it
Yay
MY TURN
Oh
IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
Now's my chance!!
ACK!
AWFUL!
Hmm?
IMMEDIATE! EXPEDITED! REST IN NURSE'S OFFICE REQUIRED!
So fast!
EEK! YUKI!

HEY
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WORRY!
Eek
WE'LL SEE YOU LATER, FUJIWARA
OKAY
HMM?
YOU OKAY NOW?
NOW, I'M INTRIGUED
WHO SUNAO IS...
DOESN'T MATTER TO ME, BUT...
...YOU PROTECTING HER...
REALLY BUGS ME

HEY...
IN THE FUTURE
YOU WILL BE COLD AND
UNABLE TO FEEL FOR OTHERS
THAT IS THE KIND OF PERSON YOU MUST BECOME
THAT GIRL?
MINAI WOULDN'T KEEP HER AROUND WITHOUT A REASON, RIGHT?
I HAVE NO IDEA

KAGUYA
YOU KNOW, I...
WOULDN'T EVEN NOTICE YOU
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR PROPER PLACE.
I HATE PEOPLE LIKE YOU THE MOST
!
VERY CLEVER GIMMICK
A PRETTY GIRL DRESSED AS A BOY
POWERLESS
POPULAR, AREN'T YOU?
I can't wait to tell Mitsuo about this!!
We're SO Sad! Lucky! We got a picture with her!
YOU GET THE ATTENTION OF EVERYONE AROUND YOU
JUST BY DRESSING LIKE THAT
JUST TO SATISFY THE INSIGNIFICANT HUMANS
WITHOUT THAT
WITH THEIR MEANINGLESS ROUTINES AND WORTHLESS PRIDE
UM... YEAH THEY'RE CUTE, HUH?

YOU ...!
WHAT'S THIS POWER?!
YOU.
I'LL CUT YOU DOWN TO SIZE, BITCH!
ha ha ha ha

OH, THIS IS RICH!
THE FUTURE HEAD OF THE TAKATOU FAMILY SHOULD HAVE BETTER CONTROL
ENOUGH.
LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, KAGUYA!
BECAUSE OF MY POWER
I'LL NEVER BE FREE!
WHY...
YOU ESCAPED THE FAMILY! DON'T YOU DARE PRESUME TO KNOW WHAT IT'S ABOUT!
WHY JUST ME?!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU

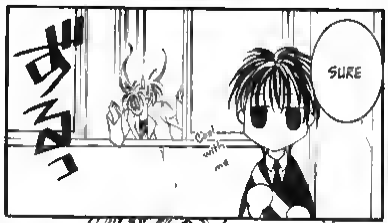
YOU'VE BEEN SPREADING YOUR WINGS A BIT, HMM?
WELL, WELL
.....
I THOUGHT IT'D BE GOOD FOR ME TO SEE SOME OF WORLD
FINE BY ME.
IF YOU'RE TOO SELFISH WITH YOUR ACTIONS
...THE ELDERS MAY NOT LIKE IT.
HOW-EVER.
AND I'M NOT GOING TO ACCEPT THIS!
SHUT UP
WHY, MASTER YUKI...
WHEREVER HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING?!

MY
MY APOLOGIES
Mmph
.....
SO MY ACTIONS ARE SELFISH?
ASSHOLE
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU EVER
BEEN POWERFUL ENOUGH TO LECTURE ME?
!
YOU

WHAT CAN A KID THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN PROTECTED BY OTHERS DO?
...HOW MUCH POWER SHE HAS BUT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW TO BUT
YOU'D BETTER... HAVE A PLAN, MINA!
BECAUSE I CAN USE YOU, TOO
I'VE...
I DON'T KNOW!
AS IF THE ELDERS CAN DO ANYTHING TO ME...
THEY NEED MY "POWER" TOO MUCH
AND HER FRIEND MINA...
THAT GIRL IS MY POWER...
AND FROM THE FAMILY

...REALLY FEEL WE'RE CONNECTED
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD POWERS BUT NOW...
HOW ABOUT WE START THINGS OVER BETWEEN US?

...GETTING THROUGH THINGS ALONE
...GOTTEN QUITE USED TO


SURE

TYPICAL YUKI
HIS PHONINESS MAKES ME GAG.

CLUELESS AT THE WORST TIMES!
SHE IS

SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY
I HAD A LOT GOING ON, AND

FU—
—JIWAKA!

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Part 2

OH!
SHIZUKI-SAN!
Left hanging
Whew!
I DID A GOOD JOB OF LOSING HIM!

YOU LOOK SO DIFFERENT...
OH MY! IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN!
TAKATOU WAS LOOKING FOR YOU!
Are you playing tag?
—I ALMOST DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU—
OKAY!
That's right.
LET'S, UH—KEEP THIS A SECRET, OKAY?

A WORLD THAT IS RUINED.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, KAGUYA.
HELLO, KAYANO.
THESE DAYS I'M...
YOU'VE REALLY CHANGED YOUR WAYS, HAVEN'T YOU?
YEAH, WELL
...A SINGING, DANCING, SCENE-STEALING SCHOOL NURSE!
YOU DON'T SAY
The End
AHA! I FOUND YOU!
SO, DID MIKO SEND YOU?
Still as serious as ever

YOU'RE HERE TO SPY ON ME AREN'T YOU?
KINDA BRAVE COMING ALONE, AREN'T YOU?
YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT, DEAR YUKI
ミシュ
BUT THAT'S
UGH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
No.
STAY WHERE YOU ARE! DON'T TOUCH ME!
WHAT A RUDE WAY TO GREET YOUR COUSIN!
I SAID STAY AWAY!

HUH!
FUJIWARA!
AH!
YUKI, STOP
OOF!
OH, MY!
FUJIWARA, WHAT A COINCIDENCE WERE YOU NAPPING?
GRRR...
AGH!
YOU
ARE BROKEN

WE'D BETTER GET BACK! WE'LL BE LATE FOR CLASS!
YOU TOO, YUKI!
Y-YES
.....
Scary!
KA-GUYA ...
Y-YES?
A GREAT POWER
TO COMPENSATE FOR SOMETHING MISSING
HOW?
HOW CAN YOU BEAR TO BE SO BROKEN INSIDE?
OR DO YOU STAY ALIVE BECAUSE OF THE PAIN?
OH!
?!

THAT'S ONE THING WE HAVE IN COMMON WITH YUK
BUT
UNLIKE HIM
I NEVER INTEND TO RETURN TO THEM
THE ONE WHO BECOMES HEAD OF THE FAMILY GAINS GREAT DIVINITY
CHILDREN OF POWER ARE TREATED SPECIALLY, BUT
THAT HAS NOT STOPPED MANY FROM REBELLING
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE LAST HEAD OF THE FAMILY PASSED AWAY
AND FEWER CHILDREN OF POWER ARE BORN WITH EACH PASSING YEAR
MAKING THEM MORE VALUABLE
WHY WON'T THEY JUST LEAVE ME ALONE?
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I'M NOT SURE
NOTHING GETS PAST YOU
I know you'd ask
SHE APPEARS TO BE IN MINAI'S CARE, BUT
WHO WAS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS
IS THAT SO?
DOCTOR MINAI?
Hmm
THE FAMILY MIGHT BE UP TO SOMETHING, TOO
IT'S JUST LIKE HER NOT TO BE SURPRISED
MISS KAYANO'S TAKING ACTION, MEANING

DOCTOR
THAT CHILD
WOULD YOU LEND HER TO ME?
"LEND" YOU SAY?
SHE ISN'T A BOOK, KAYANO

HOKAGE
YES?
NOTHING I'M GOING TO CHANGE
OF COURSE
I'M HOME
OH, WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU LOOK UNHAPPY
IPA IPA IPA...
I DOUBT IT'S "NOTHING".

THE WAY SHE IS
I FEAR SHE WILL SOON BREAK
ONE CANNOT TURN THEIR EYES FROM REALITY FOREVER
AND STAY ALIVE
I...
YOU ALWAYS UNDERTAKE SUCH DIFFICULT TASKS
I THINK NOW IS THE TIME
THAT CHILD IS MYSTERIOUS
SO VERY MYSTERIOUS
IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD
IF YOU OVERUSE YOUR POWER FURTHER, THE DAMAGE WILL SPREAD
I WONDER WHAT MAKES HER SO?
HER EXISTENCE IS SO TORMENTED, YET HER SOUL IS SO PURE
IT SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE

WHAT DID YOU SEE IN HER?!
TELL ME!
.....
I MEAN IT, KAYANO!

HEY, KAYANO
I HAD SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU
I AM SIMPLY GOING TO FULFILL MY DUTY AS BEST I CAN

THEY SAY NOTHING GOOD WILL COME OF IT!
YOU UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL? HA!
YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW?!
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
I DON'T INTEND TO GET IN ANYONE'S WAY!
EVERYONE HATES THE FACT THAT I'M GONNA BE HEAD OF THE FAMILY!
...AND DUMPED EVERYTHING ON ME!
JUST LIKE WHEN YOU RAN AWAY

THAT'S ENOUGH!
KAGUYA!
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT
CALM DOWN A LITTLE, OKAY?

THE SAME POWER
SHE CAN'T HAVE YOU
THE SAME...
...COLOR...
HER VERY EXISTENCE...
I DON'T WANT ANY ASSOCIATION WITH THE FAMILY
I WILL NOT LET YOU GET ME INVOLVED
I WON'T HAND OVER MY RIGHTFUL PLACE TO ANYONE!
I'LL DEFEND MY CLAIM TO BE HEAD OF THE FAMILY EVEN IF I HAVE TO DO IT ALONE!
AS IF I'D..
...JUST ROLL OVER AND GIVE UP!
YOU JUST WANT ME TO BE YOUR PUPPET! ALL OF YOU DO!
MY POWERS ARE PROBABLY A BIG LETDOWN TO YOU!
BUT IT WAS NOT...
WHY
YOU WERE NO DIFFERENT
...ISN'T IT...
HE DOESN'T EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE ME
...ME BY YOUR SIDE?!
EVEN THOUGH YOU LEFT ME...
...I STILL BELIEVED...
THAT YOUR ARMS WOULD ALWAYS BE OPEN TO ME

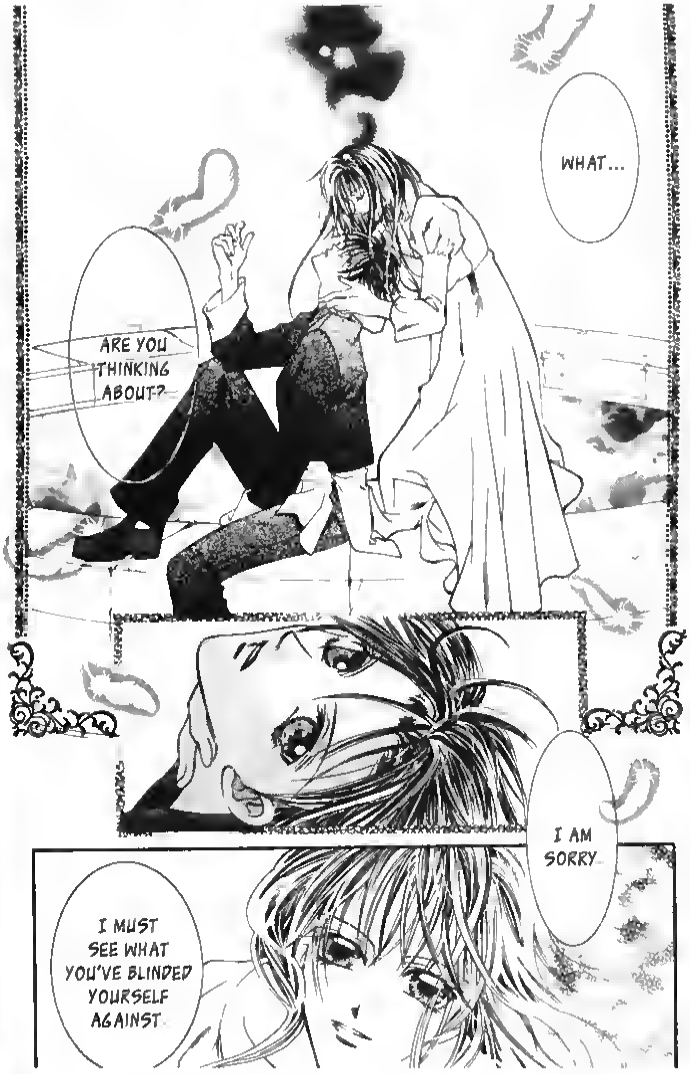
EVEN IF HE HAS POWER, YUKI'S JUST A SPOILED RICH KID
WELL HEREDITARY INHERITANCE IS RATHER OLD-FASHIONED YOU KNOW
THE HEAD SHOULD BE CHOSEN BASED ON THEIR POWER
EVEN THOUGH HE'S LEFT THE FAMILY
A POWER-OBSESSED BRAT SHOULD NOT CONTROL THE FAMILY
Shizuki's supporters are even worse
WHAT WE NEED NOW IS SOMEONE GROUNDED IN REALITY
—HE WAS ORIGINALLY GROOMED AS A LIKELY HEIR
IF YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE SHIZUKI, HE'LL SLICE OFF YOUR HEAD WHILE YOU SLEEP
HE CONTACTED SHIZUKI KAGUYA?
IS YUKI THAT DESPERATE TO KEEP HIS FOOTHOLD?

Sigh
WELL... THAT'S NOT GOOD
.....

YOUR SISTER
HAS FOUND SOMETHING EXTREMELY INTERESTING
GOOD AFTER-NOON

IT FLOWS IN HIS VEINS...
ONCE HE GETS HIS ON EVEN MORE POWER, HE'LL RUIN THE HOUSE.
IT IS SAID THAT THOSE WITH THE BLOOD OF TAKATOU WHO INHERIT THE HEAD POSITION "STRENGTHEN THE DIVINITY WITHIN THEMSELVES" CHANNELING GOD
BUT WITH GOD COMES
DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?
YES
MY LORD BROTHER
KAYARO?
AS IF I'D LET THINGS GO SMOOTHLY
WE WON'T BEGRUDGE THEM THE NECESSARY SACRIFICE

SOMEDAY
"DEVIL!"
"SUNAO..."
"DO YOU LOVE ME?"
RITSU?
"YOU'RE THE DEVIL'S CHILD!"
SOMEDAY, SOME... SOMEDAY.
STAY WITH ME...
SOMEDAY, WILL A DAY COME THAT SOMEONE LOVES ME?


WHAT...
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
I AM SORRY.
I MUST SEE WHAT YOU'VE BLINDED YOURSELF AGAINST.

I SEE
THAT WAS WHAT CRACKED YOUR SOUL, WASN'T IT?
WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO LOOK INSIDE ME?
YOU

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Part 3

PLEASE...
LET IT ..
BE ALL RIGHT
The Thirst of the Moon, Part 2 - The End

IT'S HOT!!
金鳥
GOTTA LOVE SUMMER
ひぐ ひぐ
YOU GUYS ARE MAKING IT EVEN HOTTER!
HUH?

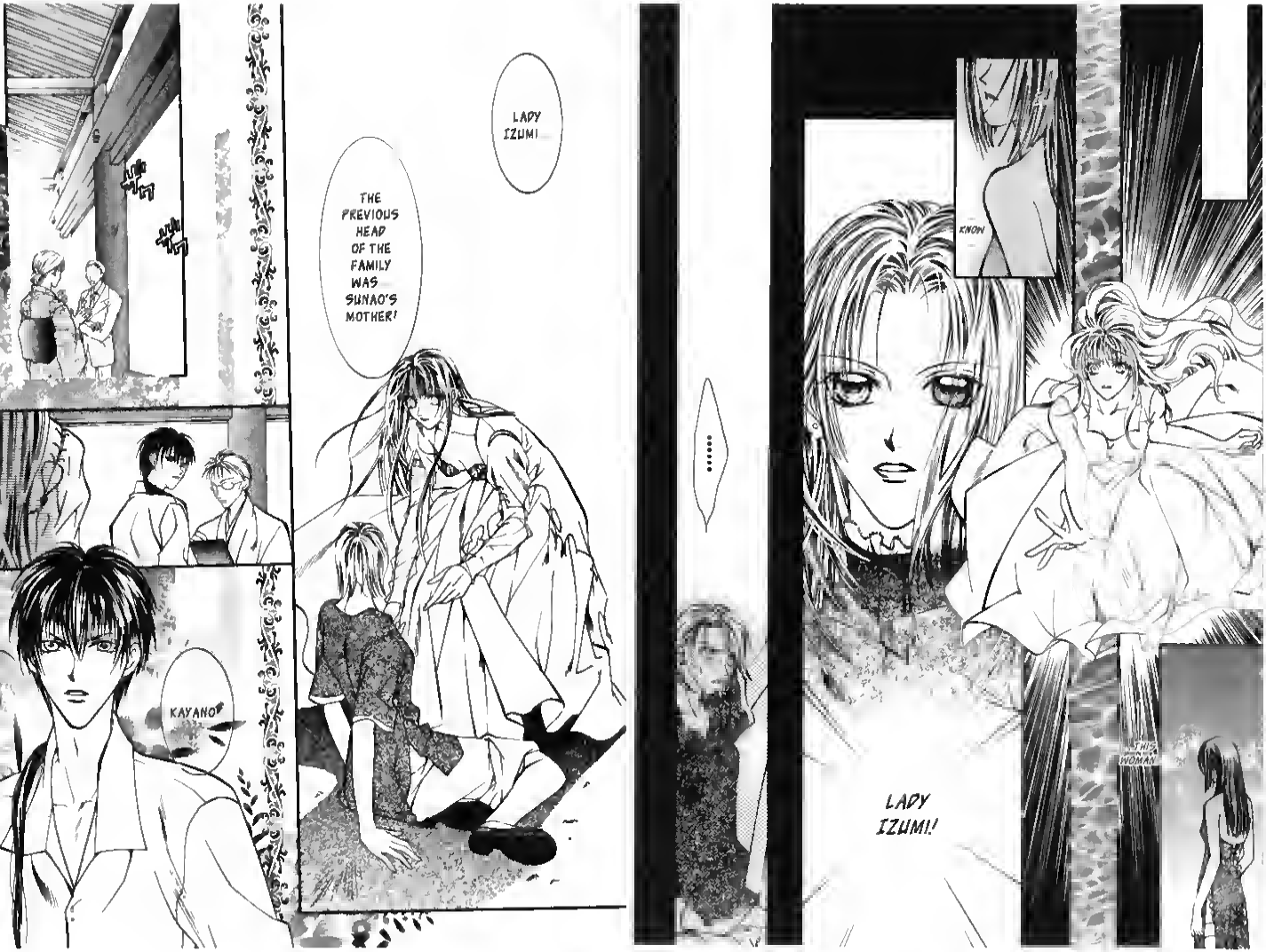
THERE YOU ARE, FUJI-WARA!
NEY, IT'S NOT "DRESS UP LIKE A GIRL", IT'S JUST "DRESS LIKE A GIRL"
Shut up!
OH, NEVEK MIND! I'LL JUST MAKE SUNAO DRESS UP LIKE A GIRL!!
I'VE GOT A LOT OF LEG HAIR, TOO
WHAT?!
I DON'T WANT TO GET IN TROUBLE
—WITH THE PRINCIPAL!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T TURNED IN A CAREER PLAN!
QUICK, WRITE ONE!
AND TURN IT IN!
IMMEDI-ATELY!!
WHERE'D YOU EVEN GET THAT?!
What?!
Don't call me "sweetie".
Little girl's outfit
YUKI, SWEETIE!
OKAY BUT I'VE GOT A LOT OF LEG HAIR
WANNA SEE?
IF IT'S SOOOO HOT, WHY NOT WEAR A SKIRT?
It's cooler you know
Processing
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WAIT A MINUTE! WHY DOES A GUY IN A SHOJO MANGA HAVE LEG HAIR?!
SHAVE IT!! RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!
You think it's okay to ruin the readers fantasies?!

I CALLED HER HOME AND THEY TOLD ME TO ASK HER!
WHY'D I GET STUCK WITH THIS?
Sob!
WHAT IS THIS?
NOW, NOW WHY DON'T YOU HAVE SOME TEA AND CALM DOWN?
?!
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT?
AAAAAH!!
MISS IKUSHIMA! HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN WITH YOU HERE?
UH—
And away we go...
AGH!

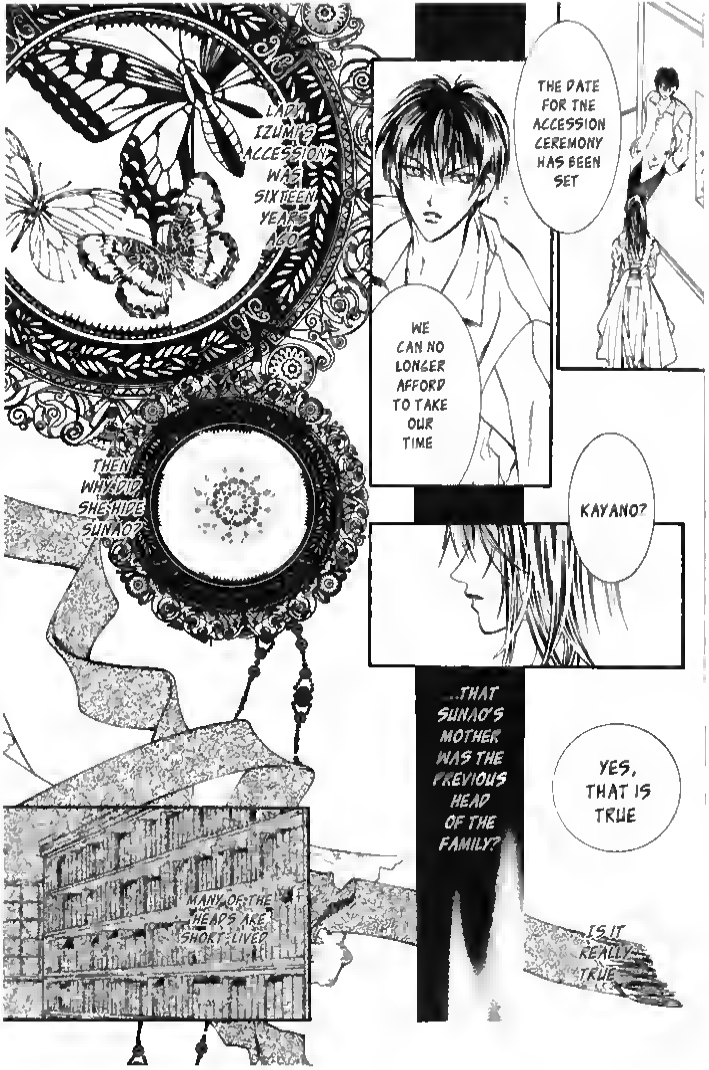
I'M IN A HURRY PLEASE EXCUSE ME
I'M SORRY I CAN'T HELP YOU
"EVEN AFTER YOU TOOK RITSU AWAY FROM US..."
UH...
SHE TOLD YOU, DIDN'T SHE?
"YOU'RE THAT WRETCHED WOMAN'S CHILD."
"...WE TOOK YOU IN, YOU BRAT."
!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!

WHO ARE YOU?
I'M HERE REGARDING SUNAO
THERE IS SOMETHING I NEED TO ASK HER MOTHER.
MRS FUJI-WARA?

HAVING LOST RITSU ..
HATING UNTIL SHE HAD TO BLOCK OUT EVERYTHING OR DIE.
..ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS
..THE HATE.
WHAT WAS SUNAO'S MOTHER?
A HATRED OF HERSELF STRONG ENOUGH TO BREAK HER.
SHE BEGAN TO HATE HER MOTHER'S BLOOD...
COURSING THROUGH HER VEINS
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU ..?!
THEN SUNAO
NEVER KNEW HER REAL MOTHER
I DID MY BEST TO RAISE HER EVEN THOUGH HER MOTHER DECEIVED US AND DISAPPEARED WITH MY LITTLE BROTHER!
IN SPITE OF ALL MY CHARITY, THAT CHILD TOOK MY SON FROM ME! YOU MUST UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL!
WHEN FAMILY TAKES AWAY ALL THAT YOU LOVE, WHO SAYS THAT YOU CAN'T HATE IT?!
I SEE

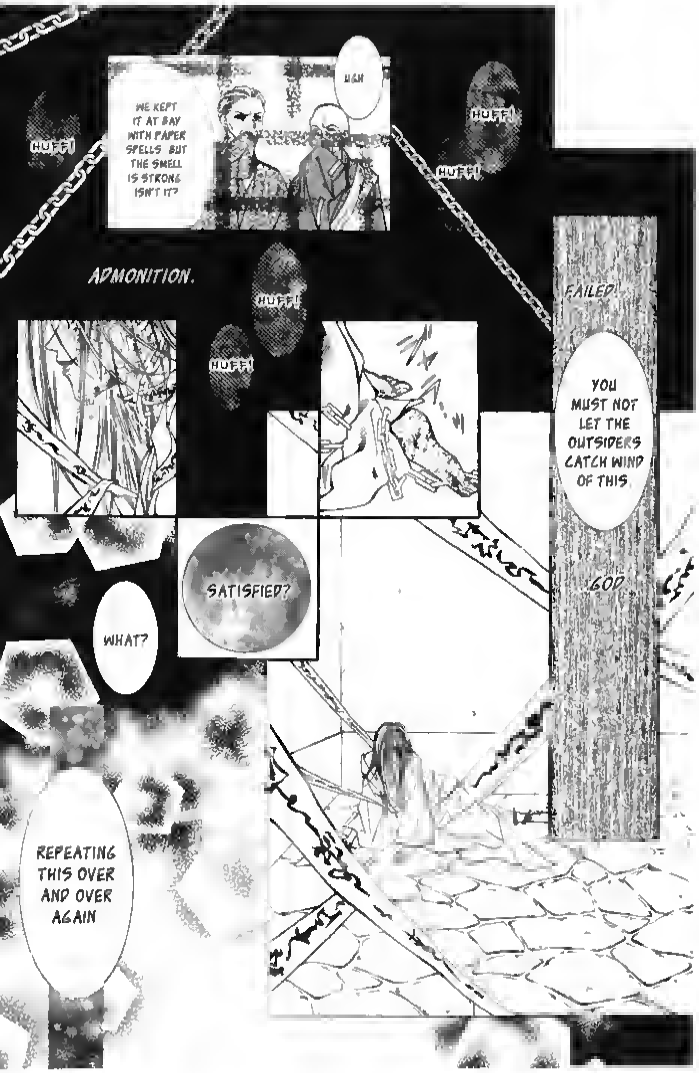

LADY IZUMI
THE PREVIOUS HEAD OF THE FAMILY WAS SUNAO'S MOTHER!
KAYANO?
KNOW
THE WOMAN
LADY IZUMI!

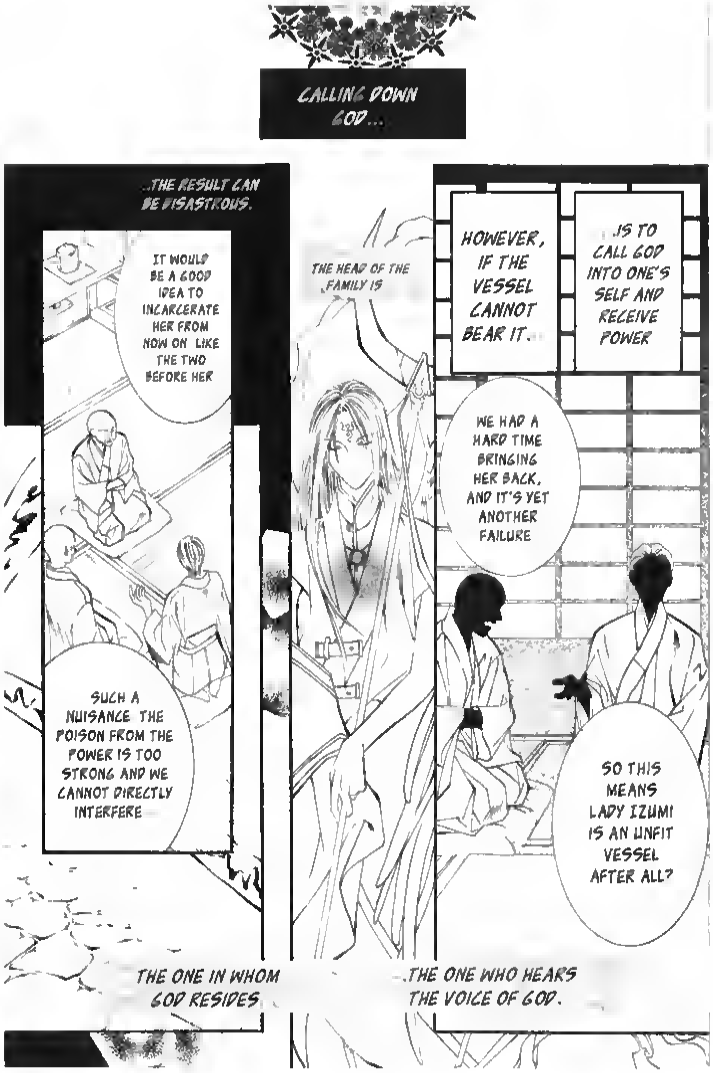
BROTHER
MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE
FROM HER ACCESSION TO HER DEATH
THE PREVIOUS HEAD OF THE FAMILY DID NOT SHOW HERSELF WHY?
BUT EVEN NOW, SEVEN YEARS AFTER SHE HAS PASSED AWAY
WHY IS IT THAT THE FAMILY DOES NOT KNOW OF SUNAO?
Well you see
THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY IS ONE WHO HEARS THE VOICE OF GOD
SO IT'S NOT EASY FOR THEM TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC
BECAUSE THEY ATTAIN AN ENORMOUS POWER
THAT MAY BE THE COMMON EXPLANATION


LADY IZUMI'S ACCESSION WAS SIXTEEN YEARS AGO
THEN WHY DID SHE HIDE SUNAO?
THE DATE FOR THE ACCESSION CEREMONY HAS BEEN SET
WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO TAKE OUR TIME
KAYANO?
...THAT SUNAO'S MOTHER WAS THE PREVIOUS HEAD OF THE FAMILY?
YES, THAT IS TRUE
MANY OF THE HEADS ARE SHORT-LIVED
...IS IT REALLY TRUE

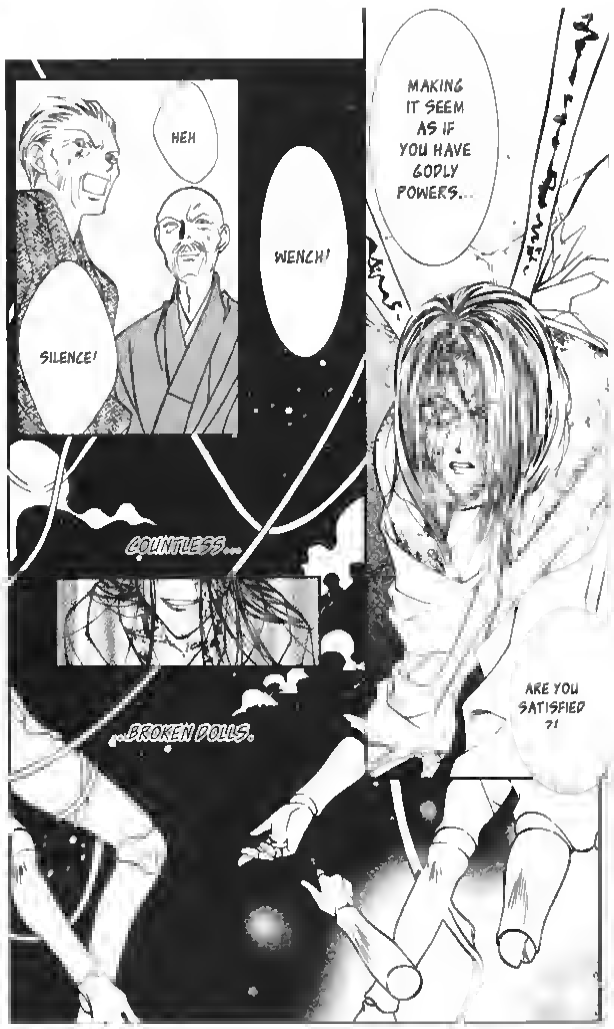
THE RECORDS FOR THE ACCESSION OF DIVINITY
WHAT?
AFTER HER ACCESSION
—THE PREVIOUS HEAD DID NOT DISPLAY HER DIVINITY ON A LARGE SCALE
ARE YOU SLANDERING LADY IZUMI?!
WHAT DID SHE DO ALL THAT TIME?
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW!
SO YOU ARE—
—HIDING SOMETHING, AREN'T YOU?

YOU OVER THERE!
KAYANO?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I'M SORRY THERE WAS— SOMETHING I WANTED TO RESEARCH AND—
SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO RESEARCH?
BUT, IS IT REALLY THE TRUTH?


HUFF!
WE KEPT IT AT BAY WITH PAPER SPELLS BUT THE SMELL IS STRONG ISN'T IT?
HUH
HUFF!
HUFF!
ADMONITION.
HUFF!
HUFF!
FAILED!
YOU MUST NOT LET THE OUTSIDERS CATCH WIND OF THIS.
GOD
SATISFIED?
WHAT?
REPEATING THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN


CALLING DOWN GOD...
...THE RESULT CAN BE DISASTROUS.
IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO INCARCERATE HER FROM NOW ON LIKE THE TWO BEFORE HER
SUCH A NUISANCE THE POISON FROM THE POWER IS TOO STRONG AND WE CANNOT DIRECTLY INTERFERE
THE ONE IN WHOM GOD RESIDES
THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY IS
HOWEVER, IF THE VESSEL CANNOT BEAR IT...
...IS TO CALL GOD INTO ONE'S SELF AND RECEIVE POWER
WE HAD A HARD TIME BRINGING HER BACK, AND IT'S YET ANOTHER FAILURE
SO THIS MEANS LADY IZUMI IS AN UNFIT VESSEL AFTER ALL?
...THE ONE WHO HEARS THE VOICE OF GOD.

HOW COULD YOU...
HUFF! HUFF!
...DO THIS?
AAIEEE!
HUFF! HUFF! HUH!
OH
THIS IS WRONG
HUH HUFF! HUFF!


HEH
WENCH!
SILENCE!
COUNTLESS...
...BROKEN DOLLS.
MAKING IT SEEM AS IF YOU HAVE GODLY POWERS...
ARE YOU SATISFIED ?!

THE FAMILY'S TRUE INTENTIONS
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!
A VESSEL CAPABLE OF HOLDING THE WILL OF GOD—
KNEW, DIDN'T YOU?
AND LORD KAGUYA, ALSO.
...HASN'T EXISTED FOR A LONG TIME. BUT THE ELDERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT.
REGARDLESS OF THE PRESTIGE THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY GETS, THOSE THAT FAIL IN THE POSITION ARE LEFT DAMAGED AND DRIVEN MAD!
THE DANGER OF CALLING DOWN GOD AND SACRIFICING THOSE WITH POWER, DO THEY?!
THEY JUST WANT TO PERPETUATE THEIR POWER! THEY DON'T THINK ANYTHING OF

S-SOMEBODY...
...GET HER!!
SHE'S A TRAITOR!!
DOCTOR.
IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
DOCTOR YOU
WHAT HAPPENED?

THEY TREAT US..
WE'RE LIVING PEOPLE!
..AS THOUGH WE'RE DISPOSABLE TOYS.
WE'RE ALIVE, YOU KNOW!
I WON'T
.. LET YOU DO THIS ANYMORE!
HOKAGE?

..YUKI DOESN'T KNOW ANY OF THIS!
HE SEEKS THE "HONORABLE" POSITION OF HEAD OF THE FAMILY
IT'S HIS REASON FOR LIVING HE'S DESPERATELY TRYING TO FIND A PLACE FOR HIMSELF.
NOW THAT SUNAO FUJIWARA A NEW POWER HAS APPEARED
WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
TELL ME THE TRUTH
THEY'RE CLINGING TO A MIRACLE THAT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST!
..TO THE FAMILY ELDERS, THOSE WITH POWER ARE NOTHING BUT TOOLS.
OUR EXISTENCE
...HAS NO MEANING, DOES IT?!

...AND THE POWER YOU RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE FOR RITSU'S DEATH
NOT EVEN WHY...
YOU'RE HERE RIGHT NOW
KAYANO!
WE ARE PUPPETS.
EVEN THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED AROUND YOU
...IT WAS ALL PREARRANGED.
THOSE COUNTLESS HEARTBREAKING THINGS

SUNAO!
LEAVE US!
...ARE
YOU...
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, DO YOU?
WHAT?
...SUCH A PITIABLE PERSON

KAYANO!

EVEN IF HE HATES ME!
EVEN IF HE CURSES ME!
I'LL PROTECT HIM!
THIS LITTLE BIT OF SELFISHNESS GREW INSIDE ME...
YUKI
I WON'T LET HIM BECOME LIKE THAT
FOR HIM...
...BECAUSE I UNDERSTOOD HIS PAIN
MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THIS WORLD
MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS WORLD
I WANT HIM TO BE HAPPY.

I'LL GO GET HOKAGE.
RIGHT.
HEY.
YOU AWAKE?
I WHAT? WHERE ?
HOKAGE SAYS YOU NEED TO STAY IN BED
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS
YUKI...
DO YOU LOVE HIM?
IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE AS THAT
ALL THIS TIME...

BUT...SUCH FEELINGS ARE A BURDEN TO OTHERS. NO ONE MUST EVER KNOW OF IT.
KAYANO
MY PART TO PLAY
I HAVE
THAT IS WHY
...PLEASE...
I NEED MY PRAYERS ANSWERED

I'VE BEEN SEARCHING...
SHE'S COME TO
HOKAGE!
OH?
SUNAO
IT'S ALL RIGHT
FOR SOMEONE TO EASE YUKI'S SORROW.
I WON'T ASK YOU ABOUT ANYTHING YET.
NOT JUST SOMEONE TO UNDERSTAND. SOMEONE TO BRING OUT THE STRENGTH HE KEEPS. SOMEONE TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE HIM.

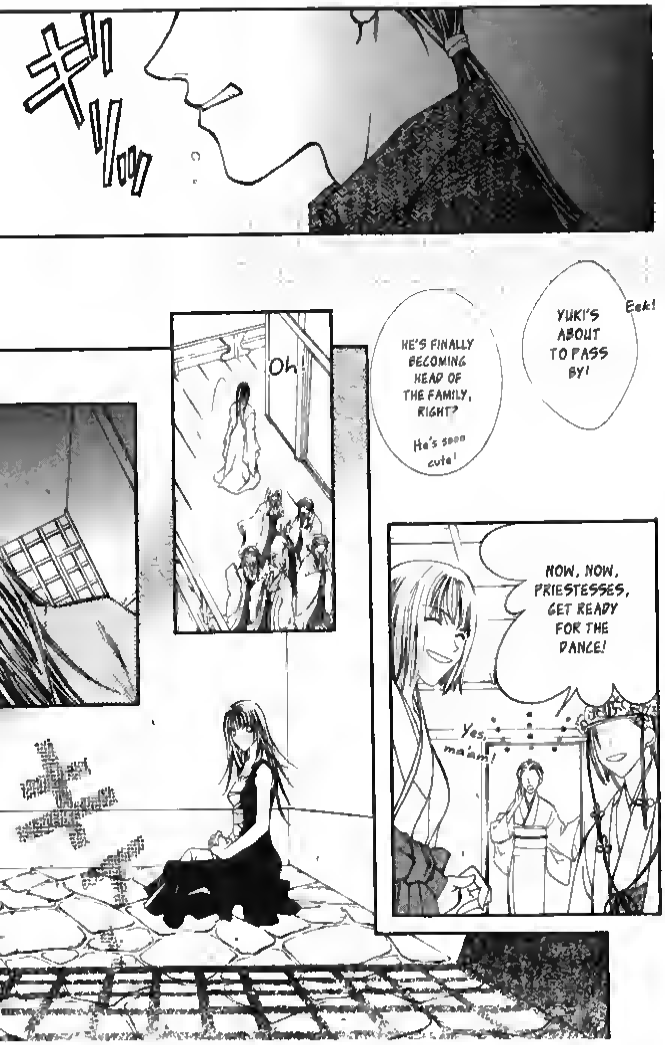
THE ACCESSION
I WILL NOT LET IT HAPPEN!
DON'T BE SO NAIVE
REALLY?
FINALLY
TOO BAD, HUH?
BECAUSE I—
I WON'T LET THEM!
KAGU—
—YA!
THE ACCESSION CEREMONY HAS BEEN DECIDED.
I thought you'd dodge
WHY IS YOUR DEFENSE SO FULL OF HOLES?
WHAT'D YOU EXPECT FROM A SCHOOL NURSE?!

NOTE: Chinkon no Gyou, the "Rite of the Repossed Soul," is a ritual to calm the soul
I'D BEEN DOING THE CHINKON NO GYOU OVER AND OVER TO PREPARE FOR THE CEREMONY
BIND THEM SO THAT THEY MAY HINDER ME NO MORE!
AS IF SOMEONE LIKE YOU COULD EVER DEFEAT ME
I SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU!
BIND, BIND BIND! MY COMMAND IS GOD'S LAW!
HUH HUH
HUH HUH
GRR
EEEEEEEEEEK!!
KEEP MY CALL!
MY SOUL FILLS WITH GOD'S LAW.
GOD'S OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
!
MY SPIRIT FOLLOWS GOD'S COMMANDMENTS
NOW SHIELD ME FROM THE INTERFERENCE OF OTHERS!
...AND THE GREAT GOD UZUSUNO
GODS WHO GOVERN CATASTROPHE

IF YOU WANT TO BE ENVIOUS, YOU REALLY NEED THE CHOPS TO BACK IT UP
SORRY, BUT...

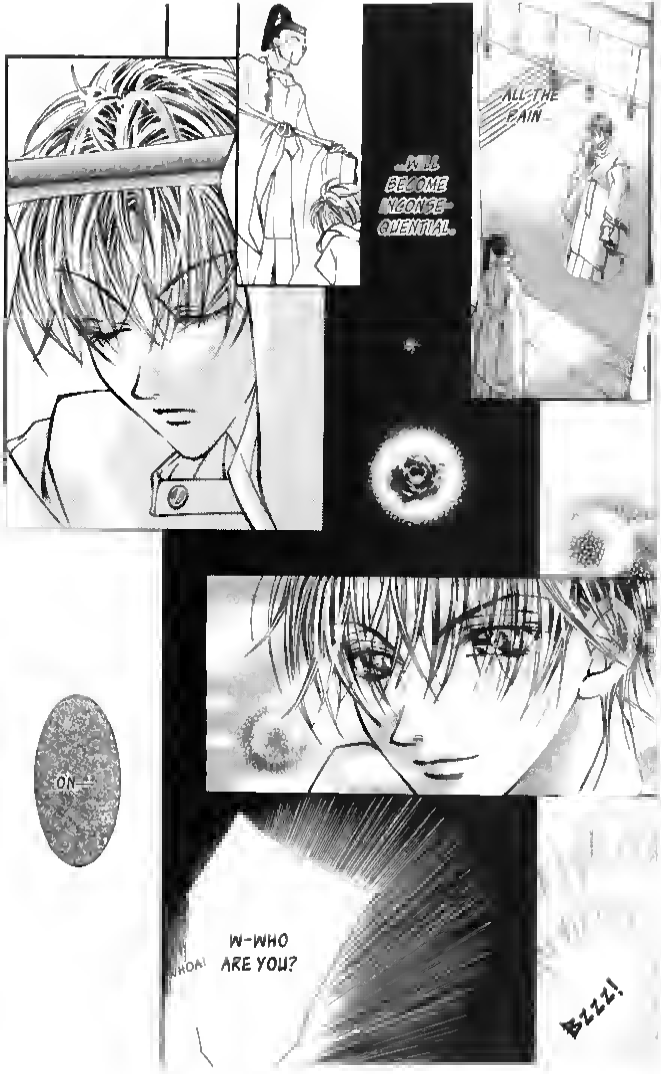
I'D LOVE TO SEE YOUR BLOOD SPRAY, BUT.
Huff!
THE ACCESSION
Huff!
Huh!
YOU CAN'T

IS THAT WHY YOU IMPRISONED HER? JUST AS YOU HAVE OTHERS IN THE PAST?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
YOU'VE FORCED MARRIAGES BETWEEN BLOOD RELATIONS OVER AND OVER WITH THE PURPOSE OF CREATING CHILDREN OF POWER
BUT THIS INBREEDING BACKFIRES ON YOU MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, CREATING VERY WEAK CHILDREN
CHILDREN LIKE KAYANO.
OF COURSE. THAT DOESN'T STOP YOU...
...FROM USING THEM AND WHEN THEY'VE LOST THEIR VALUE TO YOU YOU THROW THEM AWAY!
YOU SAY TOO MUCH, MIKO!
WELL, THEN
I APOLOGIZE
MIKO, I UNDERSTAND YOU FEEL THE NEED TO DEFEND YOUR SISTER...
BUT SHE FORCIBLY USED HER POWERS UPON ONE OF THE ELDERS
THE REASON IS SIMPLE— HER MIND HAS BECOME HIGHLY UNSTABLE
SHE MUST HAVE HAD A REASON FOR HER ACTIONS
IMPRISONING KAYANO IS GOING TOO FAR!
FROM THE START, SHE WAS AN UNORTHODOX VESSEL OF POWER
HOW DARE SHE REPAY OUR KINDNESS LIKE THIS?
AT LEAST LET ME TALK—


Oh!
HE'S FINALLY BECOMING HEAD OF THE FAMILY, RIGHT?
He's sooo cute!
YUKI'S ABOUT TO PASS BY!
Eek!
NOW, NOW, PRIESTESSES, GET READY FOR THE DANCE!
Yes, ma'am!

AFTER THIS...
WILL BE REBORN AS A DIFFEKENT PERSON.
...I...
I WON'T LET ANY THING
GET IN MY WAY ANY MORE
MY TIME HAS FINALLY COME.
MY PAINFUL PAST...
YOU...!
EVEN THE FACT THAT I WAS ABANDONED
THE FACT THAT I WAS UNLOVED

FIV-
SI
SEVE-
EIGH-
THR-
FOU-
Gasp!
NIN-
TEN!
GET HER!
KAYANO!


...I'LL BECOME INCONSE-QUENTIAL.
ALL THE PAIN
ON-
W-WHO ARE YOU?
WHOA!
BZZZ!

YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN DEFEAT THOSE OF POWER .
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
—IN AN AREA THAT'S PROTECTED BY A PURE MAGNETIC FIELD?
...THOU SHALL FIND AND SMOTE THEM DOWN.
THOUGH THOU..
HAST RECEIVED BLESSINGS, THOU HAS TURNED AWAY
THY BOW AND ARROWS.
SHIKI-GAMI ?!
WHO IS THIS MONSTER ?!
AAAAH!

Note: A shikigami is a magical servant made of enchanted paper

DON'T GET IN MY WAY!
NICE, SUNAO!

SHI-ZUKI!
SHI-ZUKI!
KAGUYA SHIZUKI ?!
OH, SO YOU DON'T LIKE MY OUTFIT?
He's kinda gaudy isn't he?
THAT'S HIM?!
ARGH!
YOU LOSERS! QUIT INTERFERING!
OKAY, THAT MAKES ME A TAD ANGRY-ISH
GET OUT OF MY CEREMONY, YOU FAKES!!

BUT SHE'S THE PREVIOUS HEAD OF THE FAMILY?!
IT CAN'T BE!
HUH? LADY IZUMI?
IS THAT...? NO!
IZUMI-!
WHO...
WHO IS THAT?!
LADY IZUMI?!
I...

FUJI-WARA IS...
...TO PROTECT HER CHILD...
...THE PREVIOUS HEAD'S DAUGHTER!
TH-THUMP!
MY...
...PLACE...
AAAAH!
...FROM YOU!
MINAI ?!
STILL YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND?
SHE IS
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
LADY IZUMI
...DID EVERYTHING WITHIN HER POWER...
IT IS ONLY NATURAL YOU DID NOT KNOW OF HER EXISTENCE
...LADY IZUMI'S HIDDEN MEMENTO...

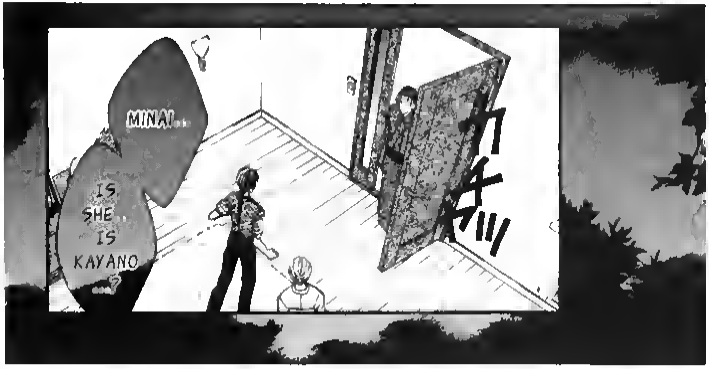
HE'S LOST CONTROL OF HIS POWER!
IT'LL KILL HIM!
GASP!
MISS KAYANO!
WHAT'S THIS?!
Whoa!
I WON'T LET THEM HAVE IT! WON'T LET THEM HAVE IT! WON'T LET THEM HAVE IT!
IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS!
NOOOO!

UH
KA-KAYANO?

IT'S ALL RIGHT
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW, YUKI
I'VE GOT YOU.
IT'S OKAY

IT IS WHAT SHE, HERSELF, WISHED
SHE USED HER POWERS TOO MANY TIMES
IT IS ALL THAT COULD BE EXPECTED
SHE HELD HER LIFE TOGETHER BY SHEER FORCE OF WILL UNTIL NOW
NOW

KA-YANO!


MINA!..
IS SHE IS KAYANO
ｶﾁｬ!!!

HE WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT... A SON ANYONE WOULD BE PROUD OF.
I HEARD HE WAS TRYING TO SAVE HIS LITTLE SISTER.
THEY SAY HE DROWNED?
霊燈
順路
POOR CHIZUKO...
LITTLE SISTER? YOU MEAN HER, RIGHT?
What? Really?
THAT YOUNGER BROTHER THAT DISAPPEARED? SHE'S REALLY HIS

...IT'S ANYONE'S GUESS AS TO WHO WILL BE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, HUH?
I DON'T KNOW BUT I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT THE LIFE WE'VE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO IS ABOUT TO CHANGE
WITH THE EXISTENCE OF SUNAO FUJIWARA KNOWN
CHRIST, MINA! HOW ARE WE TO DEAL WITH THE FAMILY NOW?

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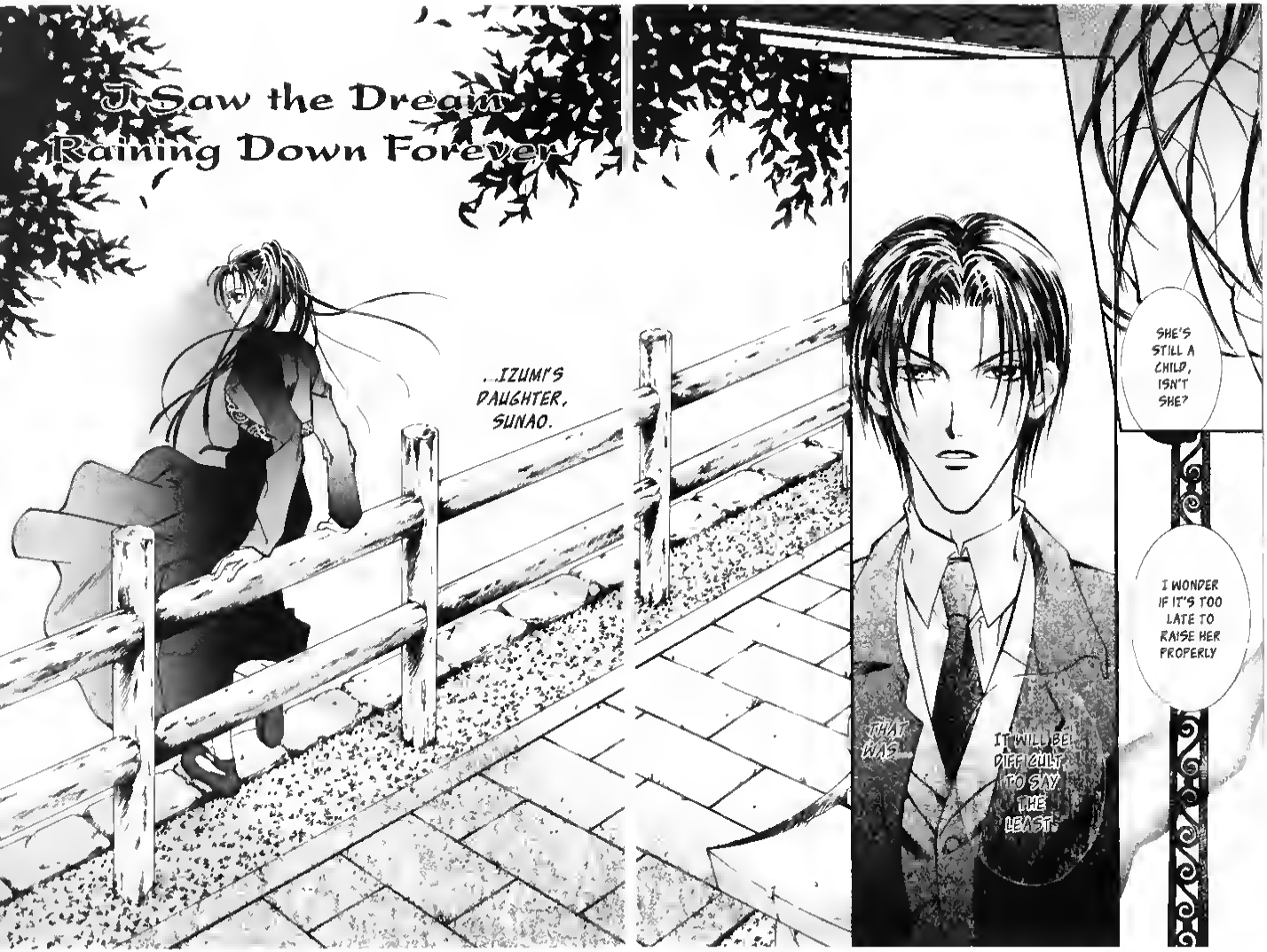

..IZUMI'S DAUGHTER, SUNAO.
SHE'S STILL A CHILD, ISN'T SHE?
I WONDER IF IT'S TOO LATE TO RAISE HER PROPERLY
THAT WAS...
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SAY THE LEAST.

IT'S BEEN AWAKENED
THE POWER...

!

Heh heh
IF YOU TOUCH SUNAO
SHE'S NOT BLEEDING?!
. YOU'LL DIE, TOO
AFTER ALL, SUNAO IS ...
Hee hee hee
...THE DEVIL'S CHILD
SEE?
HAVE TO STOP THE BLEEDING ...
STOP THAT!!

YOU ARE SO UNLIKE IZUMI
ONCE HER POWERS ARE FREED?
SHOULD SUNAO'S POWERS EVER AWAKEN
DO YOU THINK I'LL STILL BE AN INFLUENCE ON HER LIFE
SUBLIME, BEAUTIFUL AND NEVER TO BE AGAIN...
I'LL LEAVE HER IN YOUR CARE.
HOKAGE

RITSU...
WHY WON'T YOU FORGIVE ME?
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T GO TO HEAVEN
MINAI-SAN...
SHE'S ON THE BRINK OF MADNESS

IF SHE, AT LEAST, CAN BE SPARED
I WANT TO PROTECT HER
I REFUSE
You refuse the vessel of God?!
WHATEVER MAY BEFALL YOUR DAUGHTER
..IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME
THOUGH YOU HAVE MADE ME HER KEEPER, I CANNOT LIVE UP TO YOUR WISHES
.. AND I...
I WILL RETURN TO THE FAMILY
SUNAO HAS INHERITED MY ABILITIES
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING
AND SUNAO'S POWERS ARE AWAKENED
IF THE PROTECTIVE BARRIER IS BROKEN
I SHALL RETURN TO THE FAMILY
IT WAS... SUICIDE
YOU NO LONGER HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BECOME THE VESSEL OF GOD
YOU CAN'T PROCEED WITH THE ACCESSION AND BECOME HEAD OF THE FAMILY
TO HIDE SUNAO
SHE HAD USED ALL OF HER POWER TO CREATE A NUMBER OF FORMIDABLE BARRIERS

YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON...
WHO I'D TRUST WITH ANYTHING
.....
I KNOW IT'S UNFAIR-HANDED
OF PROTECTION THAN YOU!
AS IF THERE IS ANYTHING MORE WORTHY..

スパ
OH! YOU SELFISH, UNREASONABLE MAN!!
WHY MUST YOU ALWAYS BEAT AROUND THE BUSH?!
It's irritating!
.....
PLEASE, HOKAGE
It is?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TURN TO

HEY, SUNAO, YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE
YEAH, YEAH
STARE
NO
SHE LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL KID...
IF...
I TOLD THE FAMILY ABOUT HER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?
SHE'S NOT IZUMI.
WHAT DO I GET IN RETURN FOR PROTECTING HER?
...SHE'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE IZUMI
...BUT LITTLE BY LITTLE...
I STILL CAN'T LET GO.

SUBLIME, BEAUTIFUL...
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, AND
...YET I'M STILL USING YOU.
YOU WON'T BETRAY ME.
YOU CAN'T BETRAY ME.
YOU CRUELLY ENFORCED YOUR WILL

.. THERE'S NO MISTAKE, SHE'S MADE OF THE SAME STUFF AS LADY IZUMI
RIGHT NOW, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO SEES IT, BUT
BUT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE THERE ARE TIMES WHEN SHE'S CHILLINGLY BEAUTIFUL.
WHEN THAT "SOMETHING" IN HER CAN NO LONGER BE HIDDEN
THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL HIDDEN INSIDE HER
SOMEDAY
!
HE KNOWS?!
...WILL YOU TAKE HER AWAY? LIKE YOU TOOK LADY IZUMI?
YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T-
BULL'S EYE, EH?

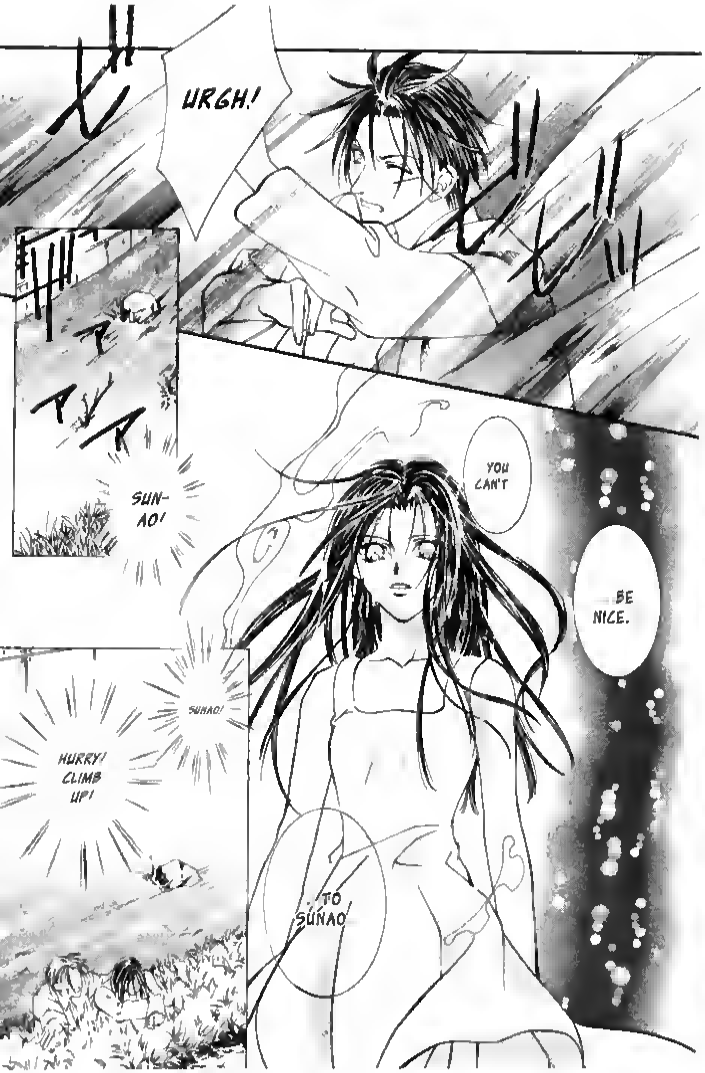
SUNAO, I NEED TO DO SOMETHING YOU GO ON AHEAD
I DON'T WANNA!
SHOULD I TAKE
THE EASY PATH?
OH? TALKING BACK ARE YOU? MAYBE I'LL KISS YOU INTO SUBMISSION
Hmph!
CUTE, ISN'T SHE?
What was that about?

RITSU CHOSE, OF HIS OWN ACCORD, TO FREE SUNAO'S POWER WITH HIS OWN DEATH...
AND THE RESULT...
WHO IS SHE, REALLY?
IT'S THAT GIRL OVER THERE, RIGHT?
WELL...

...THAT BECAUSE OF WHAT SHE HIDES INSIDE, SHE CAN'T BE WITH ME
IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT WE'RE BROTHER AND SISTER
...SHE'S MINE.
FOR EVER AND EVER AND ETERNITY
ONLY ME FOR HER
...AND ONLY HER FOR ME
PLEASE, TELL ME
BUT...
...I'M AFRAID

THE POWERS SHE'D SUDDENLY ATTAINED
HOW
THE WATER FOUNTAIN HAS GONE ALL CRAZY!
EEEEEK!
..COULD SHE JUST ACCEPT THEM WITHOUT FEAR?

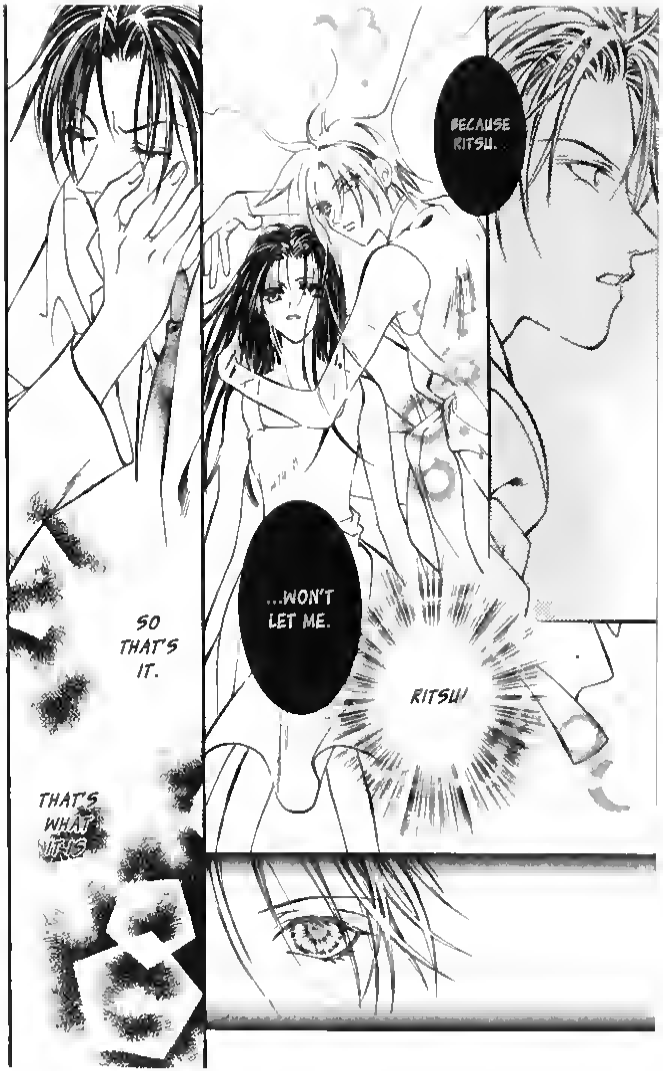
THEY SAY SHE'S IN SHOCK FROM LOSING HER OLDER BROTHER. BUT
THE STORY IS THAT HER PARENTS COULDN'T STAND HER, SO THEY SENT HER HERE!
LET'S ALL GET TO WORK, OKAY?
Yes
AND TO TOP IT OFF, THE PERSON WHO'S HELPING HER IS DOCTOR MINAI!
Whoa!
I'LL GET YOUR SLIPPERS
OH, DEAR, DEAR, FUJIWARA!
BAREFOOT? THAT'S DANGEROUS, YOU KNOW


URGH!
SUN-AO!
YOU CAN'T
BE NICE.
SUNAO!
HURRY! CLIMB UP!
TO SUNAO

KITSU'S DEATH
WHAT KIND OF CHANGE DID IT CAUSE WITHIN HER?
THERE'S SOMETHING TO IT
YOU'LL CATCH COLD IN A LIGHT DRESS LIKE THAT
!
AND THAT WILL MAKE THE NURSES WORRY EVEN MORE
WORRY?

I EXIST ONLY FOR YOU
AAAAAAAAGH!!!
OH...
YOU EXIST ONLY FOR ME
THAT'S WHY SUNAO CAN'T LOVE
WHY SUNAO CAN'T BE HAPPY
I EXIST ONLY FOR YOU
IF I CAN HAVE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR LIFE FROM NOW ON...
RITSU !!
SUNAO
REMEMBER, OKAY?
THEN I DON'T CARE IF DEATH IS THE COST.

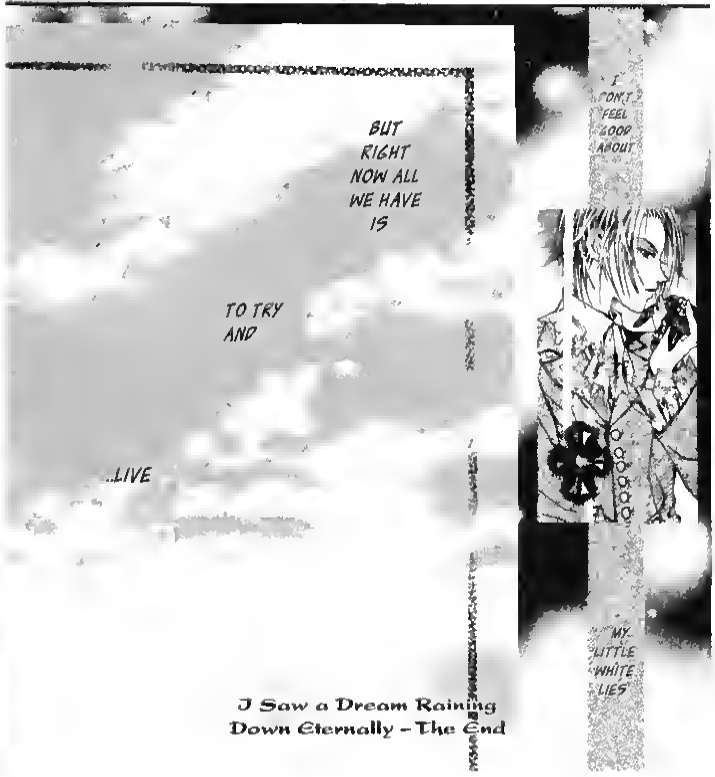
THAT'S WHY I HAVE THIS POWER!
YOU ARE MISTAKEN
NO, I'M NOT!
YOU'RE THE ONE
...WHO HASN'T FORGIVEN HERSELF!
...SUNAO IS...
IT'S YOUR NATURAL POWER!
BECAUSE SUNAO KILLED RITSU!
SUNAO IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE HAPPY!
I'M NOT ALLOWED
THAT'S WHY...
HE SAYS I MUST SUFFER AND REPENT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
RITSU IS MAD!
TO FOLLOW HIM TO BE BY HIS SIDE.


SO THAT'S IT.
THAT'S WHAT THIS
...WON'T LET ME.
BECAUSE RITSU.
RITSU!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING
I CAN'T LET IT TURN INTO SOMETHING LIKE THIS
THE PROOF OF RITSU'S LOVE WAS THE SHATTERING OF SUNAO'S SOUL
IT BECAME HER PRISON
WAS NOT SOMETHING SHE COULD BE PROUD OF
THE POWER SHE RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LIFE OF A LOVED ONE
..RITSU'S
ETERNALLY RITSU'S.
RITSU DOMINATED SUNAO'S SOUL...
...WITH HIS OWN DEATH.

SUNAO.
DOESN'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE ELSE.
RITSU SAVED YOU.
YOU NEED TO FACE HIS DEATH..
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT UP TO RITSU
SO THAT RITSU'S SACRIFICE WAS NOT IN VAIN
THEN, THOUGH IT MAY BE DIFFICULT, YOU NEED TO LIVE
HIC..
IT WAS NOT FOR HER SAKE
Sniff! Ngff! Sob!

FROM NOW ON
IF YOU TAKE YOUR OWN LIFE, I'LL GO AFTER YOU
NO..
BUT IF YOU CAN STILL THROW IT AWAY, THEN GO RIGHT ON AHEAD.



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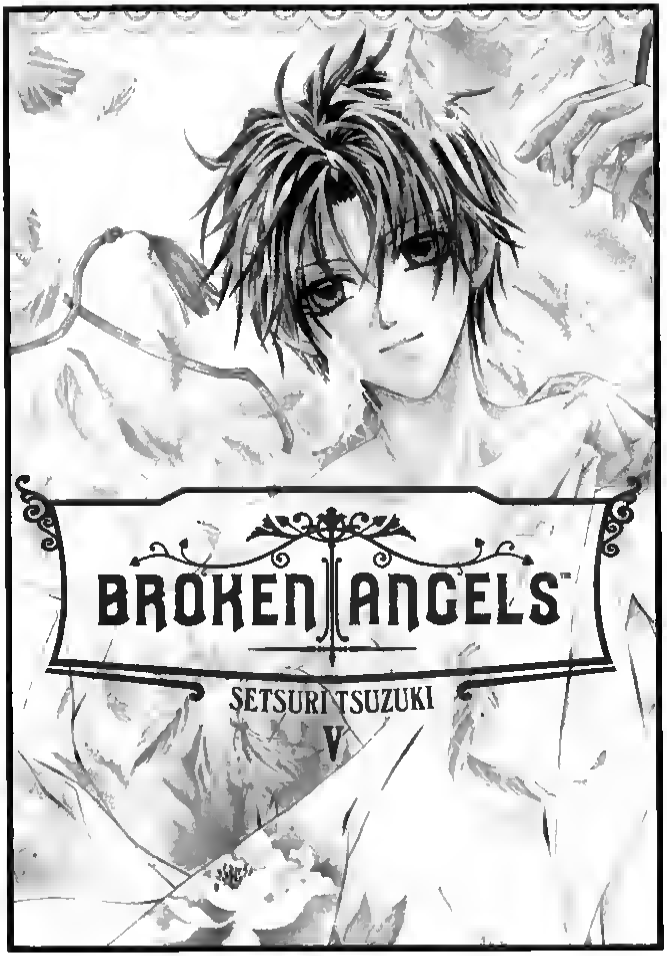

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